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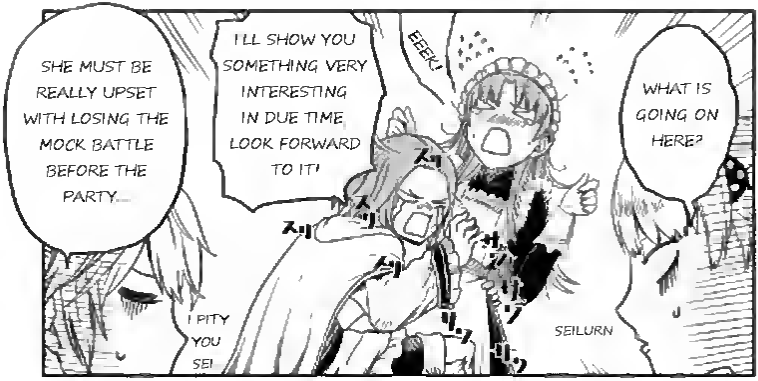
AFTER THE PROMOTION EXAM, BALUD CELEBRATED HIS 13TH BIRTHDAY
A GRAND PARTY WAS HELD WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE CORNELIUS REALM.

IGNORING US FOR SO LONG AND RIDICULING US AS POOR.
THOSE NOBLES SURE HAVE SOME NERVE TO SHOW UP AFTER
WHILE OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION HAS IMPROVED
PLUS HIM ATTENDING ALSO FACTORS IN.
WHO? OH...
THEY'RE INCREDIBLY SENSITIVE TO CHANGES IN POWER AND STANDING.
NOW NOW MAGOTTE
YOU MEAN MARQUIS RANDOLPH OF THE TEN GREAT FAMILIES?

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY. THE ONLY REASON I CAME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS IS BECAUSE MY DAUGHTER ASKED ME TO
HEY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE ALFORD I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D ATTEND
FATHER THIS IS SO EMBARRASSING
I SEE YOU HAVE IT TOUGH
HAHAHA! YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS!
AND I WON'T HAND HER OVER!
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE BALUD CORNELIUS!
B-BALUD HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
THANKS FOR COMING SILK
BUT I'LL DEFINITELY WIN NEXT TIME!
I MAY HAVE LOST EARLIER
TERESA?!


SHE MUST BE REALLY UPSET WITH LOSING THE MOCK BATTLE BEFORE THE PARTY...
I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING IN DUE TIME. LOOK FORWARD TO IT!
EEEK!
WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?
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NOOO!
REMEMBER THIS WELL, BALUD!

THAT REMINDS ME TERESA SAID SOMETHING ABOUT INTERESTING THINGS
TIME SURE PASSED QUICKLY AFTER THE PARTY
SO I'M A SECOND YEAR NOW...
GOOD MORNING
MORNING
HEY
OH WELL

KNIGHT SCHOOL STABLE
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TRANSFER STUDENTS?
WHY DO I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS?
HMM...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD. INCLUDING YOU, THERE'S BEEN QUITE A LOT THIS YEAR.

UNFORTUNATELY I NEED YOU TO COME WITH ME
CADET BALUD
TEACHER?
IT'S THE FIRST YEAR TRANSFER STUDENTS
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
HUH?
THEY'RE SUDDENLY ASKING TO TAKE THE PROMOTION EXAM

SO WHO ARE THE PROBLEM TRANSFER STUDENTS?
WELL
COULD YOU JUST KNOCK THEM AROUND A BIT TO SHUT THEM UP?
NORMALLY WE WOULD JUST IGNORE SUCH STUPID REQUESTS BUT THEY'RE PRETTY IMPORTANT SO WE CAN'T
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TERESA?!

I'VE ARRIVED AS PROMISED
OH IF IT ISN'T BALUD
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ARE YOU SURPRISED?
SO THE INTERESTING THING WAS YOU?
DIDN'T I TELL YOU AT THE PARTY?
HAVE YOU ALREADY FORGOTTEN?
WHAT PROMISE? WHY ARE YOU HERE
SO TERESA TRANSFERED IN?
I'M SURPRISED AT YOUR TRAIN OF THOUGHT

SO I NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS IDIOT?
OH! MISS SILK, WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER SINCE THAT PARTY!
I SEE YOU ARE AS LOVELY AS EVER
TH- THANK YOU...
ANOTHER ONE? WHO?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE ACQUAINTED WITH MISS BRADFORD BUT THERE IS ANOTHER PERSON REQUESTING YOU AS AN OPPONENT.
HEHE HEHE.
WELL...

WHAT A PLEASANT CROWD THIS IS
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I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM AROUND. IS HE THE OTHER PERSON?

I AM MOST PLEASED TO BE GRANTED THE ROLE OF YOUR HIGHNESS OPPONENT.
IT IS A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU. I AM BALUD CORNELIUS. SON OF IGNIS CORNELIUS

... IT'S IMPRESSIVE THAT YOU REALIZED WHO I WAS DESPITE US NEVER MEETING BEFORE
PRINCE WILLIAM?
BUT IS THIS NOT A BIT TOO ARBITRARY.

SO I FELT THAT I SHOULD ONE DAY MEET THE ONE WHO CAUSED THAT CHANGE
MY ELDER SISTER AND MOTHER HAVE RECENTLY SO MUCH MORE BEAUTIFUL THAT YOU COULD HARDLY RECOGNIZE THEM
I AM NOT LACKING IN INFORMA TION ABOUT THOSE ABOVE ME
HMPH
BUT... WAS THAT NOT BECAUSE OF THE SAVARAN AND DOWDING COMPANIES?
THE ONE WHO THOUGHT OF IT ALL WAS YOU THOUGH NO?

I WAS TOLD THIS BY MY FATHER. I IMAGINE THE GOLD WORKS AND SUGAR SWEETS THAT THE MASSES LOVE ARE ALSO YOUR DOING.
YOU MAY BE ABLE TO FOOL A FEW NOBLES, BUT DON'T THINK YOU CAN FOOL THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.
WELL, I SUPPOSE WE CAN LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR NOW.
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NOT AT ALL. I MERELY ASSISTED A BIT WITH ALL OF THOSE.
THAT WOULD BE AN HONOR, BUT I INTEND TO SUCCEED MY FATHER.
IF YOU PUT YOUR MIND TO IT, YOU COULD JUST QUIT BEING A KNIGHT AND BE APPOINTED AS SECRETARY OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

NOW THEN... WHY DON'T WE GET ON WITH THE PROMOTION EXAM?
NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT I'M SURE IGNIS WILL CONTINUE SERVING ANOTHER 50 YEARS
50...
NO BECAUSE HE'S A MEATHEAD COULDN'T YOU JUST LET HIM SIT AROUND WHILE HIS SUBORDINATES HANDLE THE WORK?
SURELY EVEN THAT MEATHEAD WOULDN'T...
HM?
YOUR HIGHNESS... ABOUT THE EXAM
TRAIN ING HALL

BUT
IT'S TRUE THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING
DON'T THINK OF IT AS SOME MERE WHIM OR A POINTLESS GAME

IS IT NOT NATURAL TO SEEK OUT AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOUR STRENGTH IS CHALLENGED?
THERE ARE PLENTY OF IMPORTANT THINGS OTHER THAN STRENGTH
BUT SO BE IT.
AS PER TRADITION I SHALL SHOW YOU YOUR PLACE
JUNIOR
PLEASE DO.
SENIOR